

## REMARKS

In reply to the Restriction Requirement that was mailed in connection with the above-captioned case on February 4, 2008, Applicants elect the invention of Group I, claims 21-38, and the species of benzylsulfonyl-dSer-Arg-4-amidinobenzylamide. The elected species reads upon claims 21, 28, 29, 34-38, and 40. The election is made with traverse.

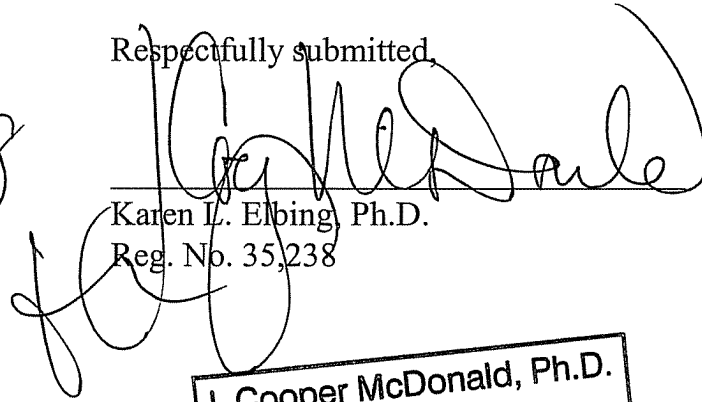
The Office has required election between a composition of matter and a method of its use. As noted in M.P.E.P. § 1850: "The method for determining unity of invention under PCT Rule 13 shall be construed as permitting, in particular, the inclusion of any one of the following combinations of claims of different categories in the same international application... In addition, to an independent claim for a given product, ... an independent claim for a use of said product." Since claim 39 is directed to a use of the product claimed in claim 21, unity of invention exists between Groups I and II, and the requirement for restriction should be withdrawn.

The claims have been amended for consistency with U.S. practice. New claim 40 finds support, for example, at page 42, Example 8. No new matter has been added.

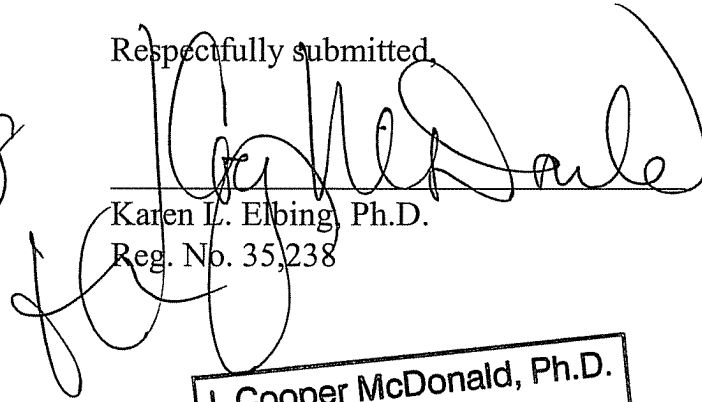
Enclosed is a petition to extend the period for reply for one month, to and including April 4, 2008. If there are any charges or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

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